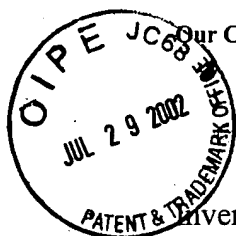


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Dear Sir:

Please enter this response to the office action dated February 27, 2002. A petition for a two-month extension of time is enclosed.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Amend claims 1-6 as follows:

1. [Once Amended] Refrigerant blends not containing HCFC for use in a very low temperature refrigeration system, said refrigerant blends in mol percent comprising:

Component	Overall range (mole %)
Argon	4 - 36

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